

AZ State Wildfire Qualifications Review Committee

MINUTES

February 24, 2009

1000 - 1500

PHOENIX, AZ

MEETING CALLED BY	Judy Wood, ASFD Training Specialist
TYPE OF MEETING	Qualifications Review
ATTENDEES	Scott Hunt -ASFD, Kevin Boness - ASFD, Duane Steinbrink – Prescott FD, Mark South – Tubac FD, Jayson Coil – Sedona FD, Jim Pond – Highlands FD, Bob Arthur – Globe FD
ABSENT	Stu Rodeffer – Northwest FD, Brian Lauber – ASFD, Chris Jessop – Show Low FD
GUESTS	Mark Shiery – Flagstaff FD, Andrew Miller – Casa Grande FD, Kurt Walker – Peoria FD, Mike Parks – Daisy Mt FD, Jay Walter – Daisy Mt FD

ITEM #1 File Reviews

ABEL, TODD – Central Yavapai FD – Approved OSC2 (t).

ADAMS, Frank – Eagar FD – FALB recertification approved.

ANDERSON, MARK – Approved STEN (t) – will drop DOZB (t)

ARCHER, Jeff – Groom Creek FD – request to begin ICT4 taskbook tabled – must meet State Minimum Experience Guidelines for ENGB prior to beginning taskbook.

ARTHUR, Bob – Globe FD – Approved OSC1 (t)

BEAR, Larry – Northwest - Approved DIVS (t) contingent upon submittal of updated fire experience records

BERNAL, Chris – Fry FD – Approved ENGB (t)

BEAUDOIN, Gene – ASFD – Approved FACI (t)

BEERY, Rob – Hells Gate FD - Approved STPS qualified contingent upon submittal of updated fire experience records

BENNETT, Jason – Prescott FD – Approved DOZB qualified

BLUE, Brandon – Highlands FD – Approved ENGB (t)

BONESS, Kevin – ASFD – Approved PSC2 qualified contingent upon submittal of taskbook evaluations

BROWN, Eric – Flagstaff FD – Approved STEN (t) and ICT4 (t)

BROWN, Katie – Flagstaff FD – Approved ENGB (t), once updated fire experience records are submitted.

CAROLIN, Robert – ASFD – Approved SPUL, ORDM, and RCDM – transferred from FS.

CARSTENSEN, Joshua – Tubac FD – Approved ENGB (t)

EMANS, Doug – Northwest – Approved LOFR qualified.

ERICKSON, Shelby – Highlands FD – Approved TFLD (t) as well as STEN (t)

FOSTER, Todd – Tempe FD – Approved SITL (t)

GILLESPIE, David – Oracle FD – Approved FDUL (t)

ISAKSON, Ike – Patagonia FD – Approved FIRB (t)

JESSOP, Chris – Show Low FD – Approved STEN qualified and TFLD (t) approved

JOHNSON, Tony – Northwest - Approved ICT4 qualified

JOHNSTON, Kevin – Surprise FD – Approved ENGB (t)

KINGSLEY, Al – Tubac FD – Approved ICT4 qualified and TFLD (t)

MacDONALD, Jerome – ASFD – Approved ICT1, OSC1, DIVS – transferred from FS

MANZANEDO, Ernesto – Groom Creek FD - Approved ICT4 qualified

MAYER, Bob – Daisy Mt FD – Approved SOF2 qualified

MAYS, Michael – Highlands FD – Approved FALB qualified – below ENGB level – Highlands will issue Red Card

McGUIRE, Mike – Patagonia FD – Approved ICT4 (t) and STEN (t)

MELENDREZ, Ramon – ADOC – Approved CRWB qualified

MENDOZA, Pete – Tubac FD – Approved STEN (t) and ICT4 (t)

MILLER, Darrell – Tubac FD – Approved ICT2 (t)

REVIEWS Continued:

MOORE, Kevin – Approved MEDL trainee

MOSER, Cory – Prescott FD – Approved STEN qualified

NORMAN, Mike – Eagar FD – FALB recertification approved

PALLATTE, Asa – Rincon Valley FD – Approved ENGB qualified

PARKS, Mike – Daisy Mt FD – Approved ICT4 qualified

ROBINSON, Brian – Northwest – Approved FIRB qualified, ICT4 (t) and STCR (t)

SACHARA, Mark – Flagstaff FD – Approved TFLD qualified

SCHLOSS, Derek – Northwest – Approved CRWB qualified

SEETS, Nate – Approved ENGB qualified

TUCKER, Mike – Central Yavapai FD – tabled – Needs one more training assignment on DIVS taskbook per State Minimum Experience Guidelines

VIZCAINO, Lehi – ADOC – Approved CRWB qualified.

WALTER, Jay – Daisy Mt FD – Approved DIVS (t)

WEILER, John – Chandler FD – Approved FALC, CRWB, DOZB, FIRB qualified and ICT4 / ENGB trainee

WHITTED, Sam – Summit FD – Approved STEN (t) ** will have to drop one other trainee position – can only carry 3 at one time

ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Judy will update ROSS accordingly and issue Red Cards		Judy Wood	March 15, 2009
ITEM #2	Arizona State Sawyer Policy		
CONCLUSIONS	Kevin Boness presented the finalized draft Policy to the Committee and went over the details. The Policy was approved and will go to the State Forester for review and signature. An electronic copy will be provided for posting on the State website as well as a State Taskbook. All persons having current certification documentation on file will retain the certification on their red cards and in ROSS. C Faller Certifiers will be researched and asked to assist in certifying additional C Fallers, who can then certify B Fallers, etc. Fallers will have to log fire experience to maintain currency and eligibility for recertification. A saw refresher will also be required. Until the Policy is signed, Fire Departments will continue to certify A and B Fallers using existing federal taskbooks and certification programs.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward finalized Policy to the State Forester for signature		Kevin Boness	ASAP
ITEM #3	Basic Wildland Firefighting Online Course		
CONCLUSIONS	There were mixed feelings on this subject – majority being that the online course is fine but must be administered by a qualified Instructor. A field exercise is highly recommended. Jayson Coil suggested adding additional field days for BWFF Online Recipients at the Arizona Wildfire Academy every year – will speak to the Academy Coordinator. Judy will post a link to the BWFF Online Course on the State Website		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		N/A	N/A
ITEM #4	Engine Operators in ROSS		
CONCLUSIONS	There are numerous ENOP's in ROSS – these are non-NWCG positions and will be removed. Some individuals are using this position to fly under the radar as ENGB trainees. All Engine crews will be rostered for Engine assignments with either ENGB, FFT1 or FFT2 only.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Remove ENOPs		Judy Wood	April 1

ITEM #5	Fire Department trainees on IMT's		
CONCLUSIONS	It has become increasingly more evident that FD personnel, who wish to "experience" the team interactions, have been submitting nominations to be on an IMT. This is a concern in that these individuals will take much needed training positions with no intention of continuing in the position afterward. Kevin Boness assured everyone that of 30 or 40 nominees, only 6 were accepted. This needs to be a consideration in future years when Team selections take place.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>NEXT MEETING:</u> April 16 th , 2009 at 10:00 AM			